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UM FACULTY MEMBERS SELECTED FOR FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIPS

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Three University of Montana employees have received prestigious Fulbright Program grants, which allow faculty members, administrators and other professionals to travel to more than 140 countries.

Two UM professors – Fred Allendorf of the Division of Biological Sciences and Melissa Harrison of the School of Law – were awarded Fulbright grants for 2000-2001, and UM's legal counsel, David Aronofsky, received an award for 2001-2002.

Allendorf is studying genetics and the conservation of small populations in New Zealand. He also is teaching a graduate seminar on conservation genetics. Allendorf spent September through December at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research in Christchurch. He'll be in Wellington at Victoria University through mid-May.

Aronofsky, who also is an adjunct faculty member in UM's schools of law and education, will teach several law classes at the University of Montevideo in Uruguay this summer. A fluent Spanish speaker, he also will provide higher education consulting to the university. The Fulbright award is Aronofsky's second. In 1990 he traveled to another South American country, Chile, where he assisted the government in its return to democracy.

Harrison was granted a lecturing and research position at the University of Sofia in

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Bulgaria, but she was unable to accept the position for family reasons. She currently is on sabbatical in Sewanee, Tenn., where she is attending the School of Theology at the University of the South. She will return this fall to her position as professor in UM's School of Law.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of other countries. More information is available at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars' Web site, www.cies.org.

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